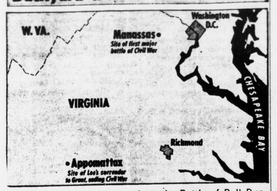
Civil War Started in Farmer's Backyard & Ended in His Parlor!



MAP shows Manassas — where the Battle of Bull Run was fought on former Wilmer McLean's estate — and Appomattox, 150 miles away, where Civil War peace treaty was signed nearly four years later.

Submitted By Henry Wright

The first major battle of the Civil War was fought in Wilmer McLean's "backyard" - and the war ended, unbelievably, in his parlor.

McLean, a wholesale grocer turned gentleman farmer, bought a 1,400 acre estate called "Yorkshire" near Manassas Junction, Va. It was here on July 21, 1961, that Confederate troops scored a victory in the first significant action of the Civil War - the Battle of Bull Run.

Just over a year later, after another big battle was fought on his property, McLean promised his family he'd take them so far into the hill country that "the sound of the battle would never reach them," according to historian Philip Van Doren Stern.

McLean bought Clover Hill, a brick tavern in newly established Appomattox County, 150 miles away. The name of the little settlement: Appomattox Court House, Va.

Just two years later - on April 9, 1865 - history would be made again on Wilmer McLean's property.

When the war became hopeless, Confederate General Robert E. Lee sent an aide to find a location where the South could surrender with dignity.

The aide - incredibly - picked McLean's house at Appomattox. And that day General Lee surrendered to Union General Ulysses S. Grant.

Following the signing, just after Lee and Grant had left, Union officers descended on the place for souvenirs, Stern says.

McLean's house was ransacked. Upholstery was ripped up, furniture smashed and just about everything was taken as a memento of the ending of the war. Only some officers were willing to pay.

According to Col. George A. Forsyth of General Sheridan's command, soldiers plucked all the flowers from McLean's garden and one Union soldier even chopped down an apple tree and hauled it away.

McLean brought new furnishings and lived in the house until 1892, when he moved away. In 1893, promoters dismantled the house. They planned to reassemble it in Washington, D.C., and charge visitors an admission fee.

But they went broke, and the pieces of the historic house simply rotted and deteriorated where they had been stored.

A replica of the Appomattox house was built in 1950.

County Line

The Zimmermans spent the week end with relatives in West Virginia.

We express our deepest sympathy to the family of Mrs. Joe Irby. Mrs. Irby passed away on Friday.

Mrs. Esther Cawthorne spent the week end with Mrs. Laura Ferguson.

Mrs. Alta Hopkins were dinner guest of Mrs. Vernie Jones Thanksgiving Day.

Mrs. Vernie Jones visited Mrs. Frank Lively and family Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Doss spent Thanksgiving Day with Mr. and Mrs. Berkley Mayberry.

Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Nash Thursday were Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Waddell, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Waddell, Mr. and Mrs. Danny Waddell and baby, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Layne and Missy, Mr. Herman Guill, Mr. and Mrs. Twyman Nash and Mr. and Mrs. Winifred Nash and Windy.

Windy Nash spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Nash.

Mrs. Roger Covington is on the sick list. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Laura Ferguson spent Thursday night with Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Owens.

Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Nash Thursday were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas O'cull, Mrs. Jimmy Lacy and son, Cris, and Donna Lacy, Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Nash and baby, Mr. George D. Nash, Mr. Lynwood Hardy, Mr. Nelson Mann, Keith, Tony and Mike Mann and Mrs. Amy Nash and Jennifer Nash.

Mrs. Nelson Mann returned home on Monday from the hospital where she underwent surgery last Tuesday. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Henry Mann had the misfortune to fall Monday afternoon and sprained her arm. Hope she'll soon be better.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. David Carson. They have a baby girl, Susan Yvonne. Mrs. Carson is the former Yvonne Nash.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mann and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mann and Ryland over the week end. Sunday dinner guests in this home were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mann and family, Mr. Nelson Mann and boys and Mrs. Carroll Mann and family.

A father: Someone who carries pictures where his money used to be.

Gladstone

Mr. and Mrs. Christian Carter and Kimberly were dinner guests in the home of Mrs. Charles Cox of Mechanicsville, Va. on Thanksgiving Day.

We were sorry to hear of the death of Mrs. Lillian Wood. We extend sympathy to the family.

Mrs. Belle Mundy and Mrs. Elizabeth Watts visited Mrs. Annie Balton at Spout Spring Nursing Home this week.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Christian Carter and Kimberley on Friday were Mr. Thomas Jennell of Dayton, Ohio, also Mr. Lawrence Jennell of Tampa, Fla.

We were sorry to hear of the death of Mr. Robert Bryant and extend sympathy to the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Carmody and Michelle from Norkesville, Va., visited Duane's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Carmody last week.

Guests in the home of Mrs. Belle Mundy and Mr. and Mrs. Willie Cyrus last week were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Watts, Joe, Karen and Clarence, Mr. Randy Gough, Pete and Bobby Farrow and Don Callaham, all from Manassas, Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Watts, from Woodbridge, Va., Mr. Dickie Mundy and Wayne, from Glen Burnie, Md.

So sorry to hear of the death of Mrs. Rosa Newell. We extend sympathy to the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Harris and children, from Chesapeake, Va., visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Carmody for several days last week.

Mrs. Elsie Megginson spent the week end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Crawford Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. Grey Hesson and daughter, Laurie, from Colonial Beach, Va., spent the week end in the home of Greg's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Julian Hesson, and also Margaret Stewart.

Mrs. Lewis McDearmon is a patient in Lynchburg General Hospital. We hope she will soon recover.

Chestnut Grove Church To Have Gospel Sing

At the Chestnut Grove Baptist Church, Appomattox, Va. on Dec. 7, 1975 at 7:30 P. M. the Starlite Gospel Sing and their guest will render a program in Songs. Benefit of the Pastor's aid club.

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An Appeal

Seventh-Day Adventists believe that Jesus is coming back to earth soon. We also believe that the Gospel of the Kingdom must first be preached in all the world to every creature, before the end will come.

This Christmas season Seventh-Day Adventists have given a Christmas present to Jesus in the form of old jewelry: watches, rings, brooches, silverware, gold, precious stones, etc. Their unused jewelry has been donated for the work of evangelism and missions. We make this appeal to those in our community who look for the soon coming of Jesus - to contribute items of jewelry. If it's unused, just collecting dust, why not contribute it to evangelism, and thus hasten that glad Day.

We have a man who can melt down metals and get a good price for precious stones and all proceeds to to evangelism.

If you have such items as gold rings, silver broches and pins, old watches, precious stones, and they are being eaten by moths, rusting away, gathering dust, why not lay up treasure in heaven in souls won to Christ through the evangelism these earthly treasures support.

To contribute mail your items to Appomattox Seventh-Day Adventist Church, Appomattox, Va. 24522 or bring to **Times-Virginian** office.

At a vacation camp for children, a little girl fished for a while, then threw down her pole in frustration and said, "I quit. I just can't seem to get waited on."

WRECK ISLAND EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS CLUB

The Wreck Island Extension Homemakers Club will meet on Tuesday, Dec. 9, at 11:45 at Maude's Restaurant for their annual Christmas luncheon. Please plan to attend.

If you think old soldiers just fade away, try getting into your old uniform.

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photo by Joe Vaughan

...RUSH (above) was choosen FFA Sweetheart at the ...weetheart dance held November 26 in the high school ...This year's sweetheart candidates were Ruth ...corted by Donnie Thornhill, Kristi Godsey escorted ...chirst. Sherry Knight escorted by Timmy Doss. ...dance was provided by "Jonas Pike". The theme ...of dance was "200 years of dancing". An estimated ...attended this dance. The FFA Chapter members ...to thank all those people who helped to make the ...ess.

Gary Tanner, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Winston Martin

...ewe 50th Anniversary

...rs. Winston Martin celebrated their 50th Wedding ...y at their home on Sunday.

...ovember 25,1925, they are the parents of five ...illiam Martin of Brookneal, Wayne Martin and Mrs. ...ont of Petersburg, Mrs. Shirley Woods and Mrs. ...r of Appomattox. They have 14 grandchildren and ...ranchon.

...Students

...y, Nov. 22, piano ...rs. R. Murrell ...ented an infor- ...rogram for parents ...om home. A social ...the program. ...and the program ...as follows: Sally ...ergy Business-Tra- ...ares Doss, An ...y of the Theme ...ts in a Minor by ...a Moore, Bourree ...ary K. Hudson, ...Traditional; Wen- ...edley of America ...Our Fathers by ...Warren; Patti ...ols Dream and ...y Oesten; Dawn ...e Nagla, Israeli ...Tammy Jamerson, ...Journey by Koell- ...Gull, A Medley of ...weiss and My

Announce Birth

Mr. and Mrs. William P. Fielder, Jr. have announced the birth of a 7 pound 4 ounce son, William P. Fielder, III, born November 18,1975 in Virginia Baptist Hospital.

Mrs. Fielder is the former Miss Vickie Diane Smith.

Favo rite Things by Rogers and Hamerstein; Laurie McClean. Pomp and Circumstance by Elgar; Rindy Lawson, God Bless America by Berlin; Marlene Moore, Duet La Cinquantaine by Gabriel Marie; Susan Kesser, Malaguena by Lecuona; Ruth Stratton, Rhadsodie Hongrois No. 11 by Liszt.

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Pugh - Server Vows Exchanged

Brenda, Jo Ann and Clifford announce the marriage of their mother, Vera Pugh, to Mr. Paul Sarver.

The double ring ceremony took place on Friday, November 21, 1975 at the parsonage of Rev. Paul Balthaser.

The couple will reside in Appomattox.

OAKVILLE HOMEMAKERS TO HAVE CHRISTMAS SUPPER

The Oakville Extension Homemakers Club will have their family Christmas Supper on Saturday, December 6 at 6 p.m. at the Oakville School. All members are invited to come and bring a covered dish.

Country Lane HD Club To Meet Dec. 8

Country Lane Extension Homemakers Club will meet on Monday, December 8 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Laura Richardson for a covered dish supper.

All members are urged to attend.

Mrs. Lula Goodrich
President

Appo. Elementary P-TA Meets Tues., Dec. 9

The Appomattox Elementary School P-TA will meet at 8 p.m. Tues., Dec. 9, in the school auditorium. Following a short business meeting the Elementary Students will present a special program featuring Christmas music. All Elementary School parents and interested citizens are encouraged to attend and support the students' efforts in presenting this special program.

The Executive Committee will meet at 7:30 p.m.

Announce Birth

Mr. and Mrs. David L. Carson are proud to announce the arrival of a new daughter, Susan Yvonne, born November 19, 1975 and weighing 9 lbs. 13 ozs. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Richard T. Nash of Appomattox, Virginia. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Howard L. Carson of Cullen, Va. Maternal great grandfather is Mr. Willie H. Gull of Appomattox, Va. Paternal great grandmother is Mrs. Charles H. Carson of Cullen, Va.

Mrs. Carson is the former Yvonne Nash of Appomattox.

LEE HD CLUB

The Lee Home Demonstration Club will have a covered dish luncheon at the home of Mrs. Geneva Childress on December 10. A business meeting will follow the noon luncheon.

IF YOU HAVE SOCIAL ITEMS, PLEASE CALL 352-8215

Society News

Miss Vicky Rogers, a student at the Shenandoah Bible College spent the Thanksgiving Holidays with her mother, Mrs. Mollie Rogers, and family.

Miss Paula Franklin, a student at Madison College, spent the Thanksgiving Holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Franklin.

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E. W. Paulette, Jr., a student at Bluefield College, spent the Thanksgiving holidays with his mother, Mrs. Frances H. Paulette.

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Mr. and Mrs. George Craddock and family, of Virginia Beach, Va., spent Thanksgiving Day and night with Mrs. J. J. Chernault; also Mr. and Mrs. Robert Craddock and family of Virginia Beach and the rest of the family had Thanksgiving dinner with Mrs. J. J. Chenault.

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Mr. "Phil" Bailey, of Fort Wayne, Ind., had returned to his home after visiting his aunt, Mrs. Ed Blackwell, and other relatives.

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Guests in the home of Mrs. Reba Bruce and Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Thomas over the Thanksgiving Holidays were Mr. Milton T. Bruce of Berwick, La. and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Racer, of Concord, Va.

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Recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Ferguson were Mr. and Mrs. Holmesy Ferguson all of Lynchburg, Mrs. Chris Cyrus of Rustburg, Mrs. Virginia Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. Tucker Ferguson, Mrs. Dorothy Garrett, Miss Sheri Williams, and Mr. Delly O'Brien all of Appomattox, and Mr. and Mrs. Haywood Ferguson of German Town, Maryland.

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Mr. and Mrs. Haywood Ferguson have returned to their home in German Town, Maryland, after spending several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Ferguson.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Shirlen and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Smith and children, Wayne, Lena and Angela, of North Carolina, spent the Thanksgiving holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ferguson.

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Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mason of Danaville , Ga., spent the holidays in Roanoke with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Belcher and her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Belcher and also planned to attend her 10th year class reunion at William Fleming High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul H. Bugg Hugh and Nadine spent last week end in Clifton Forge visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Johnson. They also visited in Covington, Va.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ken Coleman of Lexington spent Thanksgiving with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Coleman.

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Honeycutt have returned home after visiting relatives in North Carolina.

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Mrs. Eddie Wooldridge, Miss Mable Hudson and J. Lloyd Hudson spent Sunday in Culpeper where they visited their sister, Mrs. Lucille Blanks, at the Baptist Home.

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Mrs. Raymond Harris and daughter, Nancy Jane, have returned to their home in Chesapeake after spending the Thanksgiving holidays with her mother, Mrs. Rachel Cawthorne.

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Lloyd Hudson spent several days this week in Clarksville where he visited relatives.

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Microwave Oven Clinic to be Held Southside Electric

On Monday, December 8th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the Member Service Department of Southside Electric Cooperative and Mr. Thomas W. Stone, Radiological Health Specialist, Virginia Department of Health will be at Southside Electric Cooperative's Annex in Crew to help area homemakers and the general public with their microwave ovens. If you are concerned about the safety of your oven Mr. Stone will be set up to test your oven if you bring it to the annex. There will be no charge for this service. Mrs. Betty Douglass, Member Service Advisor, will have some tips on good energy management and the use and care of the microwave oven. Microwave cooking a fairly new concept of cooking is the fastest cooking method used in the home today, therefore you conserve electricity. Some people even say food taste better cooked in a microwave oven. It truly is today and tomorrows way of cooking.

If you own a microwave oven, and would like to bring it in for testing, Mr. Stone will be delighted to do so. If you are thinking about purchasing a microwave oven then perhaps you will want to come in and ask questions about the use and care of the microwave oven.

Announce Engagement

Rev. and Mrs. Edmond Milton Terry of Evergreen, Va. announce the engagement of their daughter, Bonnie Ann, to James Lee St. John, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Harold St. John, also of Evergreen, Va.

A March wedding is planned.

S. Spring Acteens Gift Bible Ceremony

A gift Bible ceremony was given in honor of Miss Deborah Puckett on Wednesday evening November 19,1975 at Spout Spring Baptist Church at 7:00 P.M.

The wedding of Miss Puckett to Mr. Emmitt Knight will take place in December.

Mrs. Miriam Franklin presided at the ceremony. Qualities of marriage were discussed by the following acteens. Understanding, Phyllis Tweedy Joy, Michele Martin; Courage, Debra Garrett; Trust, Rita Williams; Kindness, Miriam Franklin; Patience, Judy Martin; and Love by Shelby Dunnam.

The service closed with prayer by the pastor, Rev. H. C. Crabtree, Jr.

Acteen leaders are Susie M. Martin and Miriam F. Franklin.

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MR. GIL LUSK, PRESIDENT OF THE APPOMATTOX

County Historical Society and Superintednent of Appomattox Court House National Historical Park, center, was guest speaker on Tuesday evening at the Christmas meeting of the Woman's Club of Appomattox. Mrs. Hilda Guill, right above, presented a program of musical entertainment in keeping with the holiday season. Mrs. H. Webster Babcock, President of the Appomattox Woman's Club, is shown with the guests.

Woman's Club Hears Program By Gil Lusk

Members of the Woman's Club of Appomattox met in the home of Mrs. H. Webster Babcock on Monday evening for their December Christmas meeting. Gifts were brought by members to be sent to Patrick Henry Boys' Plantation to try and make Christmas a bit happier for the boys living there.

Mr. Gil Lusk, President of the Appomattox County Historical Society and Superintendent at Appomattox Court House National Historical park, presented a program, **Christmas In Years Past**, to members present.

Mr. Lusk invited the members to relive their own "most favorite" Christmas past and to share moments of that Christmas with the group. These views were compared to dairy entries of Americans from December 25,1775 during the American Revolution.

The group also discussed the board meanings of both Christmas and our Bicentennial with references drawn to recent celebrations and the impact of commercialism on the spirit of both.

The members were asked to rededicate themselves, not as a group, but as individuals, to the basic beliefs of these two great events and then concluded with a reading of the prayer "Slow Me Down, Lord", which asks that we be permitted to relax and enjoy the smaller things of life and to know that things grow great and strong because they grow slowly and well.

Mrs. Hilda Guill presented a program of musical entertainment beginning with "Let's Have An Old Fashioned Christmas" and continuing with a selection of Christmas carols.

Hostesses for the meeting were Mrs. Babcock, Mrs. Charlie Hill, Mrs. Emmett Paulette, Mrs. Walter Ferrell, Mrs. J. R. Lawson, Mrs. Henry Moore and Mrs. Crawford Davidson.

Society News

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Stanley and family Thanksgiving for supper were Mrs. Algie Almond, Mr. Wesley Stanley and Alice and Jenny Small.

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Recent visitors in the home of Mr. Wesley Stanley and Alice has been Mrs. Bob Clemmons, Mrs. Willis Carter, Mr. Raymond Stanley and son, Randy, of Lynchburg, Mr. and Mrs. Chuck May, all of Spout Spring and Mrs. Tommy Stanley.

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